

# Local Government Grant Update

## Office of Community Development

### Major Shift in Local Law Enforcement Grants



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#### Justice Assistance Grant Program

In an attempt to streamline the funding process to local law enforcement, the Department of Justice has combined the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program and the Byrne Memorial Formula Grant to create the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program effective immediately.

"Flexibility seems to be the main issue with the creation of this new program," said Suzie Elkins, Director of the Office of Community Development. "By combining the formulas from both the Byrne Memorial and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant local governments will be afforded the ability to prioritize justice

funds in a manner best suited for their community."

Usage guidelines have been made to stay consistent with those of the program's predecessors. Local governments can apply for funds in the areas of technical assistance, information systems and for programs dealing with enforcement, prevention, prosecution, corrections, drug treatment and improvement.

Seeing that the allocation formula has been made to be consistent with the past programs, and keeping with the focus of making this move go as smoothly as possible, the Department of Justice has kept the eligibility requirements consistent as well. Therefore, all previously eligible law enforcement and justice agencies will be able to apply for JAG funding under the new guidelines. Eligibility requirements and a list of local

governments eligible for the JAG are located in the *FY 2005 Units of Local Government List* produced by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and is accessible via the internet at [www.ojp.gov/BJA/grant/JAGallocations.html](http://www.ojp.gov/BJA/grant/JAGallocations.html).

JAG will hit the ground running in 2005 by accepting applications for the current fiscal year. **The current deadline is March 31, 2005.** For more information about the JAG solicitation visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/05JAGLocalSol.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/05JAGLocalSol.pdf) or call 1-888-549-9901.

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#### Things to remember:

- You can always use OCD's online Grants Database, the Louisiana Assistance Resource Center to help find resource opportunities on your own at: [www.larconline.com](http://www.larconline.com)
- Call SGMS for extra assistance or with any questions at (225)342-7412
- Use the contact information included with each opportunity to learn more detailed information.

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## Grants for Local Governments with Upcoming Deadlines

### **Supervised Visitation, Safe Havens for Children:**

The Department of Justice is offering the Supervised Visitation, Safe Havens for Children Grant for local governments to entice private entities to provide supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children by and between parents in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault or stalking.

If interested contact Debbie Maggio at 225-925-3949 or by email at [debbie@cole.state.la.us](mailto:debbie@cole.state.la.us).

**The deadline is March 10.**

### **Renewable Energy Research and Development:**

The Department of Energy is offering the Renewable Energy Research and Development Grant for local governments to conduct balanced research and development efforts in the following energy technologies: solar, distributed energy and electric reliability, biomass, hydrogen, fuel cells and infrastructure, wind and hydropower, hydrogen, and geothermal.

If interested contact the Department of Energy's central region office at 303-275-4826.

**The deadline is March 14.**



### **Literacy Through School Libraries:**

This grant's objective is to provide students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials, a well-equipped technologically advanced school library media center, and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists to improve literacy skills and achievement of students.

Contact Irene Harwarth at 202-401-3751 or [Irene.Harwarth@ed.gov](mailto:Irene.Harwarth@ed.gov).

**The deadline is March 14, 2005.**

### **Sex Offender Management Discretionary Grant:**

The Department of Justice is offering the Sex Offender Management Discretionary Grant to encourage local jurisdictions to focus on the effective management of juvenile and adult sex offenders by establishing a knowledge base of best practices.

If interested contact Julius Dupree at (202) 514-1928.

**The deadline is March 17.**

**Projects With Industry:** This grant's objective is to create and expand job and career opportunities for individuals with disabilities in the competitive labor market by partnering with private industry to provide job training, job placement, and career advancement services.

Contact Kerrie Brown at 202-245-7281 or at [Kerrie.Brown@ed.gov](mailto:Kerrie.Brown@ed.gov).

**The deadline is March 21, 2005.**



### **Surveys, Studies, Investigations and Special Purpose Grants within the Office of Research and Development:**

The Environmental Protection Agency is offering the Surveys, Studies, Investigations and Special Purpose Grant to promote research dealing with hazardous materials and ways to control pollution.

If interested log onto this website, <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/#2005>.

**The deadline is March 22.**

### **Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training-- Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling:**

This grant is for projects that provide basic or advanced training leading to an academic degree in areas of personnel shortages and provides a specified series of courses or programs of study leading to an award of certificate in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Secretary. This grant is also for projects that provide support for medical residents enrolled in residency training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Contact Edward Smith at 202-245-7602 for more information.

**The deadline is March 24, 2005.**

## Grants for Local Governments with Upcoming Deadlines (Cont.)

### **Drug Court Discretionary Grant**

**Program:** The Department of Justice is offering the Drug Court Discretionary Grant program to enhance the ability of local governments to develop and establish drug courts for non-violent substance-abusing offenders.

If interested call 888-549-9901.

**The deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

### **Conservation Research and Development**

**Program:** The Department of Energy is offering the Conservation Research and Development Grant to conduct a balanced, long-term research effort in the areas of Buildings, Industry, FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies and Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Infra-

structure.

If interested contact the Department of Energy's Central Region office at 303-275-4826.

**The deadline is May 3.**

### **Science To Achieve Results (STAR)**

**Program:** Through the Office of Research and Development the Environmental Protection Agency is offering the Science to Achieve Results program to offer funds to promote research programs on the health effects of environmental controls.

If interested log onto this website:  
<http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/#2005>

**The deadline is May 28, 2005.**

### **Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program**

This grant's objective is to provide high-quality professional development programs to improve the knowledge and skills of early childhood educators who work in early childhood educator programs located in urban or rural high-poverty communities, and who serve primarily children from low-income families. This professional development must primarily provide training that will improve early childhood teachings and will further children's language and literacy skills to prevent them from encountering reading difficulties when they enter school.

Contact Rosemary Fennell at 202-260-0792 or at [eceprofdev@ed.gov](mailto:eceprofdev@ed.gov).

**The deadline is April 22, 2005.**

## Local Event Planner

### **SGMS Announces 1st Regional Conference**

The State Grants Management Section has announced that their first regional conference offering prospect research and grant writing training will be held **March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge.

Consistent with its mission, SGMS will offer these training sessions, free of charge, to increase the overall awareness of federal grants and the grant process in Louisiana. SGMS



*Check out our Local Event Planner for upcoming events of interest.*

will conduct eight regional conferences around the state.

A full list of dates and times will be

released at a later date. For more information contact SGMS at 225-342-7412.

### **2005 Annual Team City Conference**

The Teamwork Louisiana Team City Program, sponsored by the Entergy Corporation will hold its annual conference from **June 1, 2005 - June 2, 2005** at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Baton Rouge, LA.

Web address: [www.entergy-louisiana.com/la/ed/teamcity.asp](http://www.entergy-louisiana.com/la/ed/teamcity.asp)

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*The Office of Community Development, as part of the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, administers the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program and operates the State Grants Management Section. Through the LCDBG Program, OCD provides grants to local governments for public infrastructure, economic development, demonstrated needs, housing, and self-help projects. The State Grant Management Section (SGMS) strives to increase the awareness of availability of funds and programs available to state agencies, local governments, non-profit organizations and citizens. Services such as prospect research and grant-writing assistance are available to the public.*

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**[www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/cdbg.htm](http://www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/cdbg.htm)**



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